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Dear Mr. Barfield,

Aug. 8, 2003

Thank you for your explanatory remarks on the errors regarding antecedents. Upon applying the proper antecedent mode I discovered the need for

- amending the definition of the seat belt in Claims 1 to 4 in regard with the lap buckle assembly in Claim 12, etc.;
- amending the Specification (Description) in regard with anti-submarining buckle assemblies (7, 8, 8a) in Claim 46, the verbs "damp", "operating position" etc., replaced by "dampen", "operative position", the amendments, you cited, etc.;
- amending the Abstract having 149 words;
- creating a substitute for the cancelled Claim 52 etc.

Why have you restricted the Abstract to 150 words? I've already found some Abstracts each consisting of over 200 words.

Enclosed you find

- the amended Claims with reference numbers in double space pursuant to the antecedent mode;
- a clean version of the amended Claims with reference numbers in single space;
- a clean version of the amended Claims without reference numbers in single space;
- a marked-up version of the Specification and a clean version thereof and the Abstract;
- the list of reference cited, a report [U021202] disclosing the failure of the current restraint systems of BMW Z3 and Toyota Yaris each of which can be resolved by my invention, and
- a credit card payment form for publication-, maintenance fees etc. when you grant patent thereon.

The USPTO as well as CIPO, both have already received the docs. ref. to EP 1 037 773 B1 (WO 99/24294, PCT/DE98/03270, DE 197 49 780 C2) and registered as US 09/554,463 and CA 2,313,780. However, I enclose a copy thereof.

Thank you in advance.

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EP 1 037 773 B1; [U021202] "BMW Z3 % Honda", US 5,284,360 (MB rollover bar)